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linguistic basis at all. Moreover people in the higher rank in the Police department are under the control of the Government of India. They make the selection and recommend the candidates to us. Besides many of the Superintendents of Police are people who were drafted from the Army because they have served well in the Army and they were also recommended to us by the Federal Public Service Commission. They are not concerned with all these things as from which areas people come. They have a selection list out of which they make recommendations and we of course take such people as we want out of the list they submit to us."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, who makes the selection for direct recruitment of the Deputy Superintendents of Police? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government of Madras, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In the matter of selection of officers, Sir, should not the Government take into consideration their merits irrespective of the linguistic areas and communities? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister has already said so."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, the basis of selection is only on merit. It is not a question of area at all or communities except in the case of the depressed and backward classes where a particular preference is given to people qualified for the job."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I know, how many of these people are Tamilians, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I suppose, Sir, all those who are not Andhras are Tamilians."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it the view of the Hon. Minister, Sir, that all those who are not Andhras are Tamilians? What about the Malayalees and others, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The majority of them are certainly Tamilians, Sir. There may be an intermixture of a few Malayalees and Kannada speaking people."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" My question was, Sir, whether Malabar has already been absorbed into the Tamilnad? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am inclined to think, Sir, that Malabar is over-represented in the service."

Change in the names of municipalities and panchayat boards.

11-30 a.m. * 155 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many municipalities and major and minor panchayat boards have changed their names since 15th August 1947;

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(*b*) the old and new names of such municipalities and panchayat boards;

(*c*) what were the reasons for the changes;

(*d*) what procedure was adopted in changing the names;

(*e*) whether any, and what persons or associations were consulted as to the suitability of the new names, before the changes of names were effected; and

(*f*) whether the Postal and Railway authorities have agreed to the change of names?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The names of seven municipalities and twelve panchayats have been changed since 15th August 1947 as shown in the appended statement[a]. The change of names of four of these panchayats is only in respect of their spelling in Tamil.

" (*c*) The change of names of municipalities and panchayats was necessitated by the change of names of the revenue villages concerned. The names of the revenue villages were changed to rectify the corrupt forms in use.

" (*d*) & (*e*) The procedure laid down by section 4 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and by section 5 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, was followed in respect of municipal councils and panchayats respectively.

No individual or association was consulted on the change of names. In the case of municipalities, the notifications proposing the alteration of the names were first published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, inviting objections and suggestions and in the case of panchayats, the respective panchayats were consulted. The notifications were confirmed after considering the objections and suggestions, if any, received thereon.

" (*f*) The Postal and Railway authorities were not consulted but copies of the orders were sent to them."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What are the main reasons for this change of names? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" As I have told you, corruption of spelling and also ingenious names which have been devised due to circumstances. These have been brought to the notice of the Government and the Government wanted to rectify the mistakes."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What did it cost the Government to rename those places? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" The cost was very insignificant if there was anything at all."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there is any meaning attached to this changed name, ' Cheran Madevi '? "

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THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I do not know what the meaning is but there is a meaning according to the Tamil spelling."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May I inform the hon. Gentleman that these names have a meaning. These original Tamil names had a meaning but by successful transmutation, they have been pronounced to suit the English language and English accents and the changed names have no significance. But the original Tamil names do have a meaning."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether some of these names which have been changed had been in usage by the public for a very considerable time? If that is the case, may I know what is the object of this change in names? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" As I have already said, the object is to restore the original names which have some meaning but which have become corrupt in the local area owing to various factors. With this object, the names have been changed."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it a fact that these changes are made at the request of the villagers? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" It may not be necessarily at the request of villagers that these names have been changed."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the villagers are prepared to accept the ' Cheran Madevi ' instead of ' Shermadevi '? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" They are prepared to accept the name ' Cheran Madevi '."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" May I know what is the meaning of that name ' Cheran Madevi '? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It means ' the great wife of King Chera '."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I ask the Government whether they have given wide publicity, particularly in the affected towns and villages about the change of names? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member need not trouble himself about that."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" No objection was raised by them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government bring this fact of the change of names to the notice of the Postal and Railway authorities because, even though the name of Trichinopoly is changed into Tiruchirappalli, still the postal mark shows ' Trichinopoly '? "

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THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Orders have been communicated to the Postal and Railway authorities and they have already taken action on these matters."

Manganese ore exported from the Vizagapatam Port.

* 156 *Q*.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of manganese ore that was exported from Vizagapatam Port in 1947–48;

(*b*) to what countries it was exported;

(*c*) the names of the exporting firms; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any proposal to utilize the ore for any industry in the country?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) This Government have no information as 'exports' are controlled by the Government of India.

" (*d*) Manganese ore will be required if a steel factory is located in this Province, but we have more ores than we would need."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the erection of any steel factory in this Province is under the contemplation of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This question relates to manganese ore exported from Vizagapatam? "

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" I want to know whether there is any proposal to erect a steel factory in this Province for the utilization of the manganese ore in that factory."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister may tell the hon. Member whether Government intend to start a steel factory in this Province."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This Government has been in correspondence with the Government of India about the erection of a steel factory in South India. The Government of India propose to install one or two steel factories in India and the Madras Government are corresponding with them with regard to the location of one of those factories in this Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that ore is exported from our Province, is it not the duty of the Government of Madras to possess statistics of the ore that is being taken out of our Province? If not, will the Statistical Department be entrusted with the work of compiling statistics of whatever is exported from our Province? Statistics of such exports should be available to this House and to the Government because they are our resources."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I quite realize that they are our resources. But, export is a subject that is dealt